

# The Badge



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## COMMANDER'S REMARKS

Marines, families, and friends of RS Denver,

As always I want to start by saying thank you. Much has happened over the last quarter of the fiscal year. In our last newsletter I mentioned that FMAM (February, March, April, May) would be very challenging. Also I mentioned that the continued encouragement and understanding from the families of our Marine recruiters was critical to our success in the trying months of FMAM. To all of the families out there I'd like to say CONGRATULATIONS, and THANK YOU! The Marines of this RS have performed well during FMAM. Though some RSSs have struggled, the stronger stations have stepped up to help carry the load, and many of the struggling RSSs have pulled harder on the rope – and performed better. Why I say congratulations is because as a Recruiting Station, we have made mission on or before the 10th processing day of the month in February, March, April, and May! FMAM was very challenging, but the Marines of RS Denver met that challenge head on and won. Here's the really good news, the hard work they put in during May will pay off in a better start to the school year in the fall. This will help us all attain more of my vision of success, which is: 1. Marines successful, ahead of their contracting mission, and maintaining a high APR; 2. Marines able to spend more time with their families because they are successful and "ahead;" 3. Marines, now being farther ahead, are able to focus on putting QUALITY individuals into the Corps. This is a challenging mission, and it's an extremely important one. I'd ask all of you to remember the most successful stations end up having the most time to spend with their families. Let's continue to remain focused on making our Marines successful, for their families, and for their ability to continue to serve the Corps that we all love through succeeding in this challenging billet. My number one goal is to make our Marines successful, I need your help in that – your continued support and understanding is crucial. I know I couldn't do this job well without the continued love and support of my wife Pauline.

The reason why we've been successful over the last four months is simple – new NCOICs have attacked their challenging mission with vigor, many new Marine recruiters pulled hard on the rope, more seasoned NCOICs over-produced as the newer teams got their feet under them, and the Recruiter Instructor shop has been extremely aggressive – through rolling up their



Maj Isaac D. Moore

sleeves and getting in the fight with the Marine Recruiter on the street, through training of the new NCOICs, and through establishing outstanding formal training events like Sector Training, and All Hands Training. Also, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that our MCRD combined attrition is slowly but steadily decreasing (meaning more and more of the young men and women we send to Boot Camp finish Boot Camp, and become Marines. This is a result of

many things, primarily the RI shop and the Sgt-Maj working together closely with the NCOICs to improve our procedures and implement best practices. The physical and mental preparation that the Annual Pool function overnight event provided was outstanding! We are currently conducting financial planning to incorporate our Rural RSSs in this event as well next year.

It is an exciting time for the RS. We have an outstanding crew of stellar NCOICs, many new/young Marines that are bringing a ton of energy to the field. We have a full RI shop, which is led by literally one of the best Master Gunnery Sergeants in the business, and we're trending in the right direction, really, across the board. We still have much work to do, and the summer months will be characterized by larger missions; and what we do over the summer determines our success throughout the year. That said, the Marines of this RS are ready for it – in large part due to the support of the families that stand by them and support them every day. I thank you all once again for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all at the Family Day at the end of June in conjunction with the All Hands. I am extremely proud to be a part of this team and I look forward to watching our Marines continue to succeed. Semper Fidelis.

Respectfully,  
Maj. Moore

### *Recruiting Substations*

Casper  
(307) 237-4332

Cheyenne  
(307) 772-2021

Colorado Springs North  
(719) 592-9595

Colorado Springs South  
719-591-9328

Fort Collins  
(970) 223-0017

Grand Junction  
(970) 243-5071

Metro East  
(303) 340-3700

Metro North  
(303) 451-1738

Metro South  
(303) 972-2259

Metro West  
(303) 456-5043

Parker  
(303) 996-6808

Pueblo  
(719) 545-4581

Rapid City  
(605) 348-2582

# FROM THE SERGEANT MAJOR



SgtMaj Aaron G. McDonald



Marines & Families of RS Denver,

It's about time the summer months arrived! This being my first year in Denver has proved to be an interesting one. Growing up in Texas, I never thought that snow in May was a real thing... I have since learned that snow in May is very real.

As we enter the summer months the anticipation of the new school years grow and plans are executed to capture the momentum for the new FY. As many of us know, missions increase as well as shipping requirements. These actions require each Marine to be diligent in their planning, and adjust for the increased operational tempo. I am confident with the teams that we have in place that bold moves will be made in order to gain and maintain the initiative. As a command we have come a long way and we have made strides that have enabled us to climb the ladder of success. I am proud of each of you for your bold action and relentless pursuit of perfection. Our training teams have provided solid guidance and you have responded with vigor. "Thank you".

The summer means that we have an opportunity to spend times with our families in one of the most beautiful regions of our great nation. I highly encourage you to find a way to incorporate your families into your schedules and take advantage of the area's natural beauty. Always remember to keep your families informed of what you are doing and why. Make your families feel important (because they most definitely are), and include them in as much as you can. The Command Team has a plan to create an initiative that will try and tie our families together more. Events such as DSOC and our semi-annual gatherings are good, but we can do better. Our greatest challenges are two things: 1. The high operational tempo of the summer months; 2. The geographical dispersion of our families across 217K square miles. Creative thinking and a deliberate effort must be done in order to be successful.

Mark your calendars now for 16 November 2013. We will be hosting our Marine Corps Ball on this date and tickets will be going on sale very soon. Our birthday celebration will be held at the Inverness Hotel and rooms will be available. This hotel offers many amenities to include a full spa that offers a wide range of massage/treatment packages. We are working with the hotel in order to build some custom packages just for the birthday ball.

In closing, if you travel this summer, I ask that you do so safely. Enjoy your time with family and friends. Remember to keep those that are close to you and continue to support one another. Thank you for all of the exceptional work and support that you provide each day. Continue to push hard in the coming months and maximize your success. Maintain control of your calendar so you may give time to those most important. Have a great summer!

Regards,

Sergeant Major McDonald

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to SgtMaj Aaron G. McDonald.



# Actions Speak Louder Than Words



Supporting our Veterans



Training our Recruiters



Changing Lives



Recognizing our Recruiters



Making Friends



Staying Motivated



# FOR THE FAMILIES

I hope that all is well in your area. We made it through the second quarter and now we are hitting the new year hard and heavy. Use this time to reconnect with your spouse by getting involved with them in their endeavor to find the most qualified applicants to serve in our Corps. Participate in all pool functions with the Marines and Poolees. This fosters the family atmosphere within the command. If you are not aware this new year is going to be interesting. We need to get ahead going into the summer months. Getting ahead will help ensure a better quality of life for Marines and their families. This is no easy task, however once they get there, life gets better. They need to maintain this momentum throughout the year and will still have the late nights and long hours during the week but in turn will have more flexibility on the weekends. If you fall into the salty recruiter and spouse reach out to the new Marines and their spouses this summer and show them how to make the transition to recruiting duty. Let's all help RS Denver get back to the number one position, we are not 13 individual stations we are one Family that reaches out to support each other. This is



SSgt Timothy Sharp

already starting to happen with the Family Readiness Program.

The family readiness team is making large strides and exists for you the families. It is great to see so many spouses wanting to get involved. The goal is to have at least one representative in each RSS. Keep up the great work ladies. I am truly proud of what you are doing.

Once again in keeping with the theme of unity, we as recruiters need to band together in order to get the RS on top and improve the quality of life. In doing this we can also work on strengthening our families, which will help continue this cycle of success. Please contact me if there is any information needed on the Family Readiness Program and what programs and tools are offered.

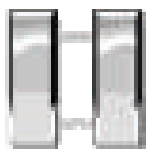
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## Mass Pool Function 2013

Photos by Sgt. Daniel Malta  
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# 2nd QUARTER 2013 PROMOTIONS



GySgt Chatfield - 2 January  
 GySgt Stuckenschneider - 2 January  
 SSgt Gutierrez - 1 February  
 GySgt Sharp - 1 March  
 GySgt Perez - 1 March



# 2nd QUARTER 2013 HAIL AND FAREWELL

## Welcome Aboard!

## Good Luck to the following Marines!

Cpl Ayala  
 Sgt Barnum  
 Sgt Baumgarten  
 Sgt Cordova  
 GySgt Cortez  
 MGySgt Douglas  
 Sgt Muchow  
 Sgt Ramirez  
 GySgt Rowley  
 Sgt Sanchez  
 SSgt Stimac  
 Sgt Troyo  
 Sgt Welsh

HQ  
 RC  
 RC  
 CH  
 HQ  
 HQ  
 MW  
 MS  
 MP  
 MN  
 FC  
 HQ  
 MS

SSgt Nicholson (7 Jan) -  
 SSgt Newkamp (11 Jan) -  
 MGySgt Matthews (15 Jan) -  
 SSgt Stovall (28 Jan) -  
 GySgt Broberg (27 Jan) -  
 GySgt Watters (9 Feb) -  
 Sgt Seelbach (12 Feb) -  
 SSgt Velasquez (21 Feb) -  
 SSgt Tovar (21 Feb) -  
 SSgt Ragsdale (24 Feb) -  
 SSgt McLeod (18 Mar) -

Camp Pendleton CA  
 Kaneohe Bay HI  
 MCB Quantico VA  
 Camp Pendleton CA  
 Camp Pendleton CA  
 Okinawa JP  
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# 2nd Quarter 2013 Mission Makers

	January 2013	
RSS	MISSION	CONTRACTED
Fort Collins	5	7
Grand Junction	7	7
Metro South	4	6
Parker	7	11
Pueblo	4	7
Springs South	5	9

	February 2013	
RSS	MISSION	CONTRACTED
Cheyenne	4	4
Grand Junction	5	8
Metro North	6	6
Metro South	4	4
Parker	6	7
Pueblo	4	5
Springs North	7	7
Springs South	4	6

	March 2013	
RSS	MISSION	CONTRACTED
Cheyenne	3	3
Ft. Collins	7	7
Grand Junction	6	6
Metro North	6	6
Metro South	6	6
Parker	6	7
Pueblo	6	6
Rapid City	2	2
Springs South	5	5